Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Tuesday 05 Dec 2023 until 23:59 on Wednesday 06 Dec 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 05 Dec 2023 at 03:51 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Tuesday and Wednesday. High for a change to unsettled and less cold weather later in the week but low confidence for daily detail.

Headline for Tuesday 05 Dec 2023: Dry, bright and cold

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 05 Dec 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** No Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Clear night	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Clear night	Clear night
Precipitation probability					
00%	00%	00%	00%	00%	00%

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Weather: A dry day with plenty of crisp sunshine. Clear skies in the evening and overnight with temperatures falling away quickly after dusk. Some fog forming in the glens.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80%

Low cloud and visibility: Some thin cloud around the summits possible across the north and east of the area at first. Otherwise very good visibility with many ridges and summits seeing very little cloud. Fog patches may form in the glens in the evening.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	11/14 E	6/8 E	5/7 SE	5/6 SE	5/6 S	6/7 SE	8/10 SE
900	12/14 E	6/8 E	5/7 SE	5/6 SE	5/6 S	6/7 SE	7/9 SE
600	7/9 E	4/6 E	4/6 SE	4/5 SE	4/6 S	5/7 SE	6/8 SE
300	4/11 E	4/7 E	3/5 E	2/4 SE	2/4 SE	2/5 SE	2/6 SE
Glen	6/9 NE	3/5 E	3/4 E	3/4 E	4/5 E	4/5 E	4/5 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-2/-8	-2/-6	-2/-6	-3/-6	-3/-7	-4/-7	-4/-8
900	-2/-7	-2/-6	-2/-5	-2/-5	-3/-6	-3/-6	-3/-7
600	-0/-4	-0/-2	0/-2	-0/-3	-1/-4	-1/-4	-2/-5
300	0/-2	-0/-3	1/-1	-1/-2	-2/-4	-2/-4	-2/-4
Glen	2/-0	2/0	3/2	1/-1	0/-2	0/-2	0/-2
Freezing Level*	400m	400m	400m	400m	300m	200m	200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
A fine if cold winters day in the hills.

Forecast for Wednesday 06 Dec 2023
Weather: Dry, bright and very cold but some high cloud spilling north in the afternoon making for flat light conditions. Strengthening southeasterly winds will bring initially light snow into Skye and the southwest in the evening, turning heavier and spreading inland early in the night, gales developing on the summits.

Maximum wind: Southeasterly 20 mph with gusts to 30 mph, increasing to 40 mph gust 50 mph after dark.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90% during daylight

Low cloud and visibility: Good visibility with little in the way of cloud on the summits for much of the day. Cloud lowering to 700 metres from the south during the evening and coupled with snow will lead to very poor visibility.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 10 rising to 0 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 2 Celsius
Freezing level: 400 metres or less

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